

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A fluorescence reader which detects fluorescence from a sample present on a carrier or in a solution, said reader comprising:

5           a light source which radiates parallel light;

          a projection lens which converges the light from the light source;

          an objective lens which irradiates the sample with the light converged in a rear-side focal position;

10           an image forming lens which forms fluorescence emitted from the sample and passed through the objective lens into an image;

          a light receiving pinhole disposed in an image forming position of the image forming lens; and

15           detector which detects the fluorescence passed through the light receiving pinhole.

2. The fluorescence reader according to claim 1, further comprising: an excitation pinhole disposed in a front-side focal position of the projection lens to  
20           shape the parallel light radiated from the light source.

3. The fluorescence reader according to claim 1, wherein a size of the image formed in the image forming position of the image forming lens is substantially  
25           equal to that of the light receiving pinhole.

4. The fluorescence reader according to claim 2, wherein a shape of the excitation pinhole and a

diameter of the light receiving pinhole are changeable.

5        5. The fluorescence reader according to any one  
of claim 1, wherein the sample comprises a fluorescent  
dyestuff coupled with a nucleic acid or a reagent  
coupled with the nucleic acid.

10       6. The fluorescence reader according to claim 5,  
wherein at least a part of the nucleic acid or one or  
more parts are immobilized on the carrier, and the  
fluorescent dyestuff is coupled with the reagent  
peculiarly coupled with the nucleic acid.

15       7. The fluorescence reader according to any one  
of claim 1, wherein a specimen including the samples  
arranged at a certain interval on the carrier moves  
every certain interval, and the measuring of the  
fluorescence and the moving of the specimen are  
repeated to measure a plurality of samples.